

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 112

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend Wendy McCool Cox for being the first AGAPE adoptee to serve on the Board of Directors of AGAPE in Middle Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Wendy McCool Cox, who has the distinct honor of being the first AGAPE adoptee to serve on the AGAPE Board of Directors for Middle Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, adopted in 1972 by Clay and JoAnn McCool, Mrs. Cox grew up in the Joelton and Whites Creek area of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, prior to high school graduation, she was one of nine people throughout the United States chosen by the March of Dimes Leadership Youth Council to attend the "Thousand Points of Light" activities in New York City; she was also selected to represent the city of Nashville at the National Youth Leadership March of Dimes Conference in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Wendy McCool Cox graduated from Lipscomb University with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Cox currently teaches third grade at Kingston Springs Elementary and attends Trevecca Nazarene University, where she is earning her Master's degree in Curriculum and Administration; and

WHEREAS, she is a recipient of the 1998 Dave Thomas Integrity Award given by AGAPE; and

WHEREAS, an active member of Pegram Church of Christ, Mrs. Cox holds dear the embodiment of AGAPE, which is unselfish love, guided by the principle that people, as followers of Jesus Christ, should work together to build a society of love, justice, and peace; and

WHEREAS, it has been a dream of Mrs. Cox to serve on the board of AGAPE, stating, “I feel that if it had not been for AGAPE, I would not have led such a blessed life.”; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her spiritual, professional, and academic pursuits, Mrs. Cox still finds time to lend her talents to such notable civic organizations as Leadership Cheatham County which she serves as a board member; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Cox lives in Pegram with her husband, Gary Cox, and their two children, Garrett and Olivia; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mrs. Wendy McCool Cox for her dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Wendy McCool Cox upon her becoming the first AGAPE adoptee to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of AGAPE in Middle Tennessee, commend her on her meritorious service to the state of Tennessee, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.